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29th FEBRUARY, 1804.

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Read the first and second time, and ordered to be committed to a committee of the whole House, on Friday next.

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*Providing for the expenses of the Civil Government of Louisiana.*

1     **Be it enacted**, by the Senate and House of Representa-  
2     tives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled,  
3     That the monies which have been, or which shall be received,  
4     by any officer of the United States, on account of any duties, or  
5     taxes, which, by virtue of the laws in force in the territories  
6     ceded to the United States, by the treaty of the thirtieth of April,  
7     one thousand eight hundred and three, between the United States  
8     and the French Republic, at the time when possession of the said  
9     territories was obtained by the United States, might be collected  
10    for the use of government, shall be paid into the treasury, and  
11    accounted for in the same manner as other public monies.

SECT. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That for the purpose of making a reasonable compensation to the person, or persons, in whom the powers of civil government, heretofore exercised by the officers of the said territories under the Spanish and French governments, have been vested by the President of the United States, and also for defraying the other civil expenses of the said territories, from the time when possession of the same was obtained by the United States, to the time when a form of government shall, under the authority of congress, be established therein, a sum not exceeding                          dollars, to be expended under the direction of the President of the United States, and to be accounted for as other public monies, shall be, and the same hereby is appropriated, to be paid out of any monies in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.